Food Plaza at Railway Stations

2885. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are thinking of entering into an agreement with world renowned restaurant to open multi-cusine fast food plazas at all the major railways stations;

(b) if so, the details of such proposal; and

(c) the number of stations covered in Andhra Pradesh under the proposed project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) plans to set up multi-cuisine food plazas at important Railway stations. Allotment of food plazas to empanelled agencies is done through competitive bidding process.

(c) Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Vijayawada Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh are proposed locations for food plazas.

Nandyal-Yerraguntla new rail line

2886. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the new rail line between Nandyal and Yerraguntla in Andhra Pradesh in South Central Railway was sanctioned and the cost of the project.

(b) the amount spent so far and the amount earmarked for completion of the project during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether Government would enhance the budget for early completion, to develop the backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The work of new line